Reproductive and Child Health (R.C.H.) are being telecast before the National news at 8.00 p.m. also a 30 minute based programme "Lok Jhankar" is broadcast on every Thursday and Sunday through 22 Vividh Bharti Kendras of AIR.

(iv) Films on Reproductive and Child Health have been made by eminent producers to improve mass awareness on family welfare programme. Regular articles on RCH themes are being published in in-house publications—'Hamara Ghar' in Hindi and 'Reproductive and Child Health Newsletter' in English.

(v) The media units *viz.* Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity Song and Drama Division and Directorate of Field Publicity are also carrying out publicity on Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) themes through exhibitions, theatre plays, seminars/workshops and video programmes.

(vi) Parivar Kalyan and Swasthya Melas are also being organised in different States to increase awareness and provide medical services to the people at their doorsteps.

(d) A comparative statement showing the change in demographic indicators from 1991 to 1999 based on SRS data, is given below :<

Indicator	1991	1999
Birth Rate	29.5	26.1
Death Rate	9.8	8.7
Infant Mortality Rate	80	70
Child (0-4) Mortality	26.5	23.9(19%)
Total Fertility Rate	3.6	2.9(NFHS-II)
Expectation of (M)	60.6	62.30
Life at Birth (F)	61.7 (1991-96)	65.27 (1996-2001)

Term of DCGI

2180. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the fixed term of Drug Controller General of India (DCGI);

(b) whether Government are considering the appointment of any IAS Officer as head of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO); and

(c) whether the matter has been referred to UPSC for selection ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) There is no fixed tenure provided for the post of Drugs Controller of India as per the notified rules. However, the said post has been upgraded to the post of Drugs Controller General of India, for which the rules are being formulated.

(b) and(c) No, Sir.

Ban on smoking at public places

2181. SHRI K.RAMAMOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued orders in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent judgement to ban smoking in a1l public places in the country;

(b) if so, whether a monitoring machinery has been set up to ensure » implementation of the judgement of the apex court; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The Supreme Court of India has passed an order on 2-11-2001 directing prohibition of smoking in public places, namely. Auditoriums, Hospital Buildings, Health Institutions, Educational Institutions, Libraries, Court Buildings, Public Office and Public Conveyances, including Railways and issued directions to the Union of India, State Governments as well as the Union Territories to take effective steps to ensure prohibiting smoking in public places. A written communication has been sent from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to Health Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, requesting them to take necessary action to ensure prohibition of smoking in public places and to take necessary effective steps to give wide publicity to the orders of the Supreme Court in electron c and print media so that the general public are aware that smoking is prohibited in public places and as such they should comply with the orders of the Supreme Court. An advertisement has been issued by this Ministry in leading newspapers giving wide publicity to the orders of the Supreme Court similar for compliance by the General Public.